



Volume 4, Issue 39
December 9, 2016

Woodstock City Manager's Newsletter



Christmas Tree Walk Hours

Monday- Thursday:

9 am - 4 pm

Friday: 10 am - 6 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm

Sunday: 12 pm - 6 pm

(Closed Dec 24th and 25th)



Santa's Hut Hours

Monday- Friday: 5 pm - 7 pm

Saturday: 2 pm - 5 pm

Sunday: 2 pm - 5 pm

December 9th - December 23rd

INSIDE THIS ISSUE	
Celebrations	2
Police	3
Recreation	4-5
Opera House	6-7
Library	8-9
Human Resources	10-11
Public Works	12-13
Economic Dev	14-15
McHenry County	16
Around Town	17
Gingerbread Photos	18-19
Volunteer Needs	20-21
Calendar	22



Gingerbread Display Hours

Thursday: 11 am - 5 pm

Friday: 11 am - 5 pm

Saturday: 11 am - 5 pm

Sunday: 12 pm - 5 pm

Until December 16th



2016 Carriage Rides

AROUND THE HISTORIC WOODSTOCK SQUARE

Imagine yourself shopping in the early 20th century as you travel around the Square in a horse-drawn carriage with lights twinkling and stores, filled with gifts for everyone on your list, open for your holiday shopping...

Saturday, November 26th – 2 pm to 6 pm

Thursday, December 1st – 6 pm to 9 pm

Fridays, December 2nd, 9th and 16th – 4 pm to 8 pm

Saturdays, December 3rd, 10th and 17th – 4 pm to 8 pm

Sundays, December 4th, 11th and 18th – 2 pm to 6 pm

See page 17 for more Around Town.

Celebrations

Page 2

Employment Anniversaries

Jason Dyer	Fleet Maintenance	December 1 st	2 years
Phil Lechner	Streets	December 1 st	2 years
Phil Mass	Parks	December 8 th	19 years
Marvin Myers	Opera House	December 9 th	3 years
Chris Lynk	Streets	December 12 th	9 years
Aimee Reese	Recreation	December 17 th	4 years
Dan Pauley	Police	December 22 nd	18 years
Robin Karolewicz	Police	December 27 th	26 years
Brett Muehlfelt	Police	December 29 th	11 years
Lisa Dawson	Opera House	December 29 th	1 year
Michael Montes, Jr.	Opera House	December 29 th	1 year

Random Acts of Christmas Kindness 2016

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." -Aesop

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Join the kindness conversation! #24RACKS on twitter and instagram				1 Make a card for a soldier	2 Pick up litter	3 Make cookies for a neighbor
4 Donate toys to your favorite charity	5 Tell silly jokes to make someone laugh	6 Make a hug coupon for someone	7 Donate food to your local food pantry	8 Let someone go ahead of you in line	9 Take coffee to your teacher	10 Candy cane bomb a parking lot
11 Tape change to a vending machine	12 Call a faraway friend or relative to say hello	13 Take supplies to the animal shelter	14 Do a chore for someone in your family	15 Give a compliment to a friend	16 Take treats to the fire or police station	17 Leave a popcorn surprise on a DVD rental machine
18 Feed the birds	19 Pay for a stranger's coffee	20 Leave a happy note for someone to find	21 Pass out stickers to kids in line	22 Give treats to the mail carrier	23 Smile at everyone you see today	24 Do a secret act of kindness for someone
25 Merry Christmas!	26 	27 	28 	29 	30 	31 

POLICE

Page 3



WPD COLLECTING FOR *TOYS FOR TOTS*

The **Woodstock Police Department** is collecting toys for children in need through Monday, December 12th. A Marine Corps Reserve McHenry County Detachment #1009 *Toys for Tots* collection box is available 24/7 in the department's lobby at 656 Lake Avenue for receiving donations of new, unwrapped toys. All toys will be distributed to children living in McHenry County.

For further information, please contact **Telecommunicator Grant Havens** at 815-338-2131 or ghavens@woodstockil.gov.

December Coffee with Chief

A representative from the United States Army National Guard will to the group on their mission and capabilities and how it relates to our community.

The meeting will be held on December 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at the Woodstock Police Department. Chief John Lieb will also be present to answer questions and assist residents with any concerns they may have. All are welcome to attend.



Breakfast *with* Santa

DECEMBER 11, 2016

Age 2 & up



Children of all ages can enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast just in time for the holidays. In between bites, stop by and see Santa for a photo opportunity or to whisper your holiday wishes in his ear. Don't forget your camera! Fee is required for all in attendance.

Pre-registration is required.

Min/Max: 40/80

Location: Woodstock Moose Lodge, 406 Clay Street

Day/Time: Su/ 9:00-10:00A

SESSION

Dec 11

Fee: \$10

PROGRAM #

226261-A

Day/Time: Su/10:00-11:00A

SESSION

Dec 11

Fee: \$10

PROGRAM #

226261-B



RECREATION

Page 5

CURTAIN CALL FOR FALL DANCE CLASSES

The Recreation Department's *Little Dancers I and II*, *Ballet*, *Mini Hip/Hop*, *Hip/Hop*, and *Mini Poms* programs finished for the Fall session last week with a little show for the parents and many grandparents.

Little Dancers I and II teaches students basic ballet and jazz steps while having fun expressing themselves through creative movement. The Ballet class is a beginner ballet that teaches participants ballet terms and positions while improving the child's balance, movement and flexibility. Hip/Hop I and II and Popstar teach popular dance moves to the current popular music.



The Recreation Department continues to expand and improve the dance programs and the new classes offered this session are Mini Poms (ages 5-7 years) and Mini Hip/Hop (ages 4-5 years).

These popular eight-week classes are led by instructors **Bridget Saladin**, **Kelly Read**, and **Leslie Behrns**.

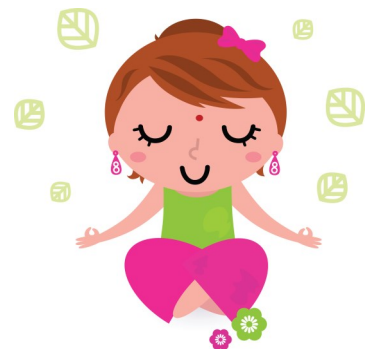
Recreation Coordinator Renee Torrez and the instructors will begin planning the Spring Dance recital, the annual showcase of all the dance classes offered through the Recreation Department, in the coming weeks.

The Recreation Center offers 1-month, 2-week and 1-week temporary memberships for students or guests who are here for the holidays (or City employees.) Guests can also pay a daily visit fee of \$8 to utilize the Center.

Stressed?



Stop by for a class or a quick workout to de-stress during the holidays.



Woodstock Recreation Center hours are
Monday through Friday 5 am-9 pm
Saturday and Sunday 7 am-5 pm.
(Closed December 25th.)

OPERA HOUSE

Page 6



The Nutcracker opens on the Woodstock Opera House stage on December 9th. (See chart on pg 5 for all the dates and times.)

FRIENDS OF THE OPERA HOUSE FUNDRAISER

THEMED MUSICAL SERIES

AT THE STAGE LEFT CAFE

//////

SATURDAY, Dec 17, 2016

Christmas Joy with

CASSANDRA & FRIENDS

8-11PM

Purchase tickets at Woodstock Opera House Box Office (limited seating) \$25 and includes one beverage coupon



OPERA HOUSE

Page 7

Events in December

12/9	Open Mic		SLC	7 pm
12/9	Nutcracker	\$	MS	2 pm
12/10	Nutcracker	\$	MS	2 & 7 pm
12/11	Nutcracker	\$	MS	2 & 6 pm
12/16	Nutcracker	\$	MS	8 pm
12/16	Jazz Night		SLC	8 pm
12/17	Nutcracker	\$	MS	2 & 7 pm
12/18	Nutcracker	\$	MS	2 & 6 pm
12/20	Senior Coffee		SLC	1 pm
12/23	Guitar Night	\$	MS	8 pm
12/24 & 25	Merry Christmas			
12/30	Piano Man	\$	MS	8 pm

SLC - Stage Left Café MS - Main Stage

CR - Community Room



Our production – with enchanting children, colorful costumes, clever special effects and merry Christmas carols – transports you to 1843 London. Capture the spirit of the holiday season with this classic Dickens tale!



Ed Hall's Guitar Night

Performing will be Tim & Myles Thompson the father/son duo from Hendersonville TN; Helen Avakian the singer/songwriter and “guitar goddess” from Madison WI; Brother Yusef the originator of the “Fattback Blues” guitar style from Altadena CA; and your host award winning guitarist and songwriter Jeff Friedlander from Pittsburgh, PA. The annual holiday tradition continues and is one you won't want to miss.



PIANO MAN brings the music of Elton John and Billy Joel to life in a show that pays them the ultimate tribute. With some of the most versatile musicians and the uncanny ability to mimic the voices of these two mega-superstars, PIANO MAN is one of the most authentic tribute bands in the country.

LIBRARY

Page 8



Mercy Health Wellness Event

Professional staff from Mercy Health System will be on hand to perform free blood pressure screenings as well as provide information and education on the influenza virus, vaccinations, and seasonally relevant child safety issues. There will also be free goodies for the kids.



With all our heart. With all our mind.

Day/Date: Saturday/December 10 **Time:** 9:30 a.m - 12:30 pm



Family Craft Day

Join us at the Library for some fun, group-oriented crafts. These crafts work best with several folks working together. September's craft was sand sculptures— what will December's be?

Day/Date: Saturday/December 10 **Time:** 1:00-3:00 pm

Sunday Concert!

Free Guitars for Future Stars will be holding its student recital at the library on Sunday, December 11. The FGFS provides children from low income families with guitars and lessons— come hear what these talented youngsters have learned.

Day/Date: Sunday/December 11

Time: 2:00-3:00 pm



Library Book Drops

Main Library

Wonder Lake State Bank (3316 Thompson Road, Wonder Lake)

- Renew and request books, DVDs, etc. on your library account
- Download audio and eBooks
- Access magazine, journal, and newspaper articles using the library's Online Databases



Holiday Movie

Sully: Tom Hanks stars in this portrait of airline pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger. The movie depicts Sully's successful emergency landing of an Airbus A320 on the Hudson River in January 2009 and subsequent celebrity. Okay, it's not a holiday movie— but it is Tom Hanks.

Day/Date: Tuesday/December 20 **Time:** 10:00 am and again at 6:00



YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES (Grades 6-12)

Teen Study Night

You have to study anyways, why not do it at the library? You bring your work, we'll provide pizza and drinks. Have an allergy? No worries, bring food from home. We'll be taking over the entire top floor of the library. This program has gotten so popular, it now requires registration.

Day/Date: Wednesday/December 14 **Time:** 6:30—8:30 pm

Teen Movie Night

Join us for a teen movie night at the library. We'll have a selection of movies to choose from and teens will vote to pick which movie to watch. Pull up a bean bag chair, eat some popcorn, and watch a movie with your friends.

Day/Date: Wednesday/December 28 **Time:** 6:30—8:30 pm

Library Holiday Hours

Christmas

Saturday, December 24 - Closed

Sunday, December 25 - Closed

New Year

Saturday, December 31 - Closed

Sunday, January 1 - Closed



HUMAN RESOURCES

Page 10

HOLIDAY DEPRESSION AND STRESS

The holiday season for most people is a fun time of the year filled with parties, celebrations, and social gatherings with family and friends. For many people, it is a time filled with sadness, self-reflection, loneliness, and anxiety.

What Causes Holiday Blues?

Sadness is a truly personal feeling. What makes one person feel sad may not affect another person. Typical sources of holiday sadness include:

- Stress
- Fatigue
- Unrealistic expectations
- Over-commercialization
- Financial stress
- The inability to be with one's family and friends

Balancing the demands of shopping, parties, family obligations, and house guests may contribute to feelings of being overwhelmed and increased tension. People who do not view themselves as depressed may develop stress responses, such as:

- Headaches
- Excessive drinking
- Over-eating
- Insomnia

Others may experience post-holiday sadness after New Year's Day. This can result from built-up expectations and disappointments from the previous year, coupled with stress and fatigue.

19 tips for coping with holiday stress and depression:

1. Make realistic expectations for the holiday season.
2. Set realistic goals for yourself.
3. Pace yourself. Do not take on more responsibilities than you can handle.
4. Make a list and prioritize the important activities. This can help make holiday tasks more manageable.
5. Be realistic about what you can and cannot do.



6. Do not put all your energy into just one day (i.e., Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Eve). The holiday cheer can be spread from one holiday event to the next.
7. Live and enjoy the present.
8. Look to the future with optimism.
9. Don't set yourself up for disappointment and sadness by comparing today with the good old days of the past.
- 10.If you are lonely, try volunteering some time to help others.
- 11.Find holiday activities that are free, such as looking at holiday decorations, going window shopping without buying, and watching the winter weather, whether it's a snowflake or a raindrop.
- 12.Limit your drinking, since excessive drinking will only increase your feelings of depression.
- 13.Try something new. Celebrate the holidays in a new way.
- 14.Spend time with supportive and caring people.
- 15.Reach out and make new friends.
- 16.Make time to contact a long-lost friend or relative and spread some holiday cheer.
- 17.Make time for yourself!
- 18.Let others share the responsibilities of holiday tasks.
- 19.Keep track of your holiday spending. Overspending can lead to depression when the bills arrive after the holidays are over. Extra bills with little budget to pay them can lead to further stress and depression.

Is the Environment and Reduced Daylight a Factor in Winter Time Sadness?

Animals react to the changing season with changes in mood and behavior. People change behaviors as well, when there is less sunlight. Most people find they eat and sleep slightly more in wintertime and dislike the dark mornings and short days. For some, however, symptoms are severe enough to disrupt their lives and to cause considerable distress. These people may be suffering from seasonal affective disorder (SAD).

Research studies have found that phototherapy is effective in treating people that suffer from SAD. Phototherapy is a treatment involving a few hours of exposure to intense light.

PUBLIC WORKS

Page 12

Downtown Parking Regulations During Snowfalls

While there are no parking bans following snowfalls in the public parking lots, please be aware any lot may be temporarily closed to clear away excess snow. The Department of Public Works will communicate with residents via the portable sign board regarding dates and times of any temporary lot closures. Residents and guests should also note, following a 3" snowfall, parking is prohibited on most downtown streets after 11:00 pm. For a list of specific streets, please visit the Department of Public Works page on the City's website. For any questions regarding regulations following a snowfall, contact the Department at pwdept@woodstockil.gov or (815) 338-6118.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Inspection

A compliance evaluation inspection was conducted at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plants by Ms. Karen Katamay, representing the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The purpose of the visit was to review facility operations with regard to applicable state and federal water pollution control laws and regulations. Wastewater Treatment staff reviewed facility data and record keeping with the inspector, and accompanied her on a walkthrough inspection of both locations. The report from the inspector has since been issued, and both plants were noted to be in significant compliance with all permit requirements. The next set of inspections will take place near the end of 2016.

Christmas Tree Collection

The Department of Public Works offers its residents three different opportunities in January to have their discarded Christmas tree collected and mulched. Beginning Monday, January 2nd through Friday, January 20th, residents must have their tree in the parkway (the area between the sidewalk and street) **by 7:00 am** on their regularly scheduled garbage day to ensure collection.

Tree Collection Tips:

- Remove ALL ornaments, tinsel, lights, decorations, nails, bags, and stands prior to pick up (trees are mulched immediately following pickup and cannot be collected with these items attached)
- Trees must be placed on a public parkway (residents living in communities with property managed areas must make sure their tree is placed on a public parkway)
- Non-Christmas trees, branches, wreaths, roping, and other greens will not be collected
- Secure your tree so it will not blow into the street, possibly creating a traffic hazard



Please note, employees collecting trees are also responsible for snow and ice control activities, which could delay the collection of your tree. Please contact the Department of Public Works at 815-338-6118 or pwdept@woodstockil.gov if you have any questions about this program.

Downtown Holiday Planters

Downtown holiday preparations have been in full swing since mid-November for the Department of Public Works. Tasks such as the installation of the holiday banners, streetlight snowflakes, garland, and winter greens, as well as the coordination of the holiday lights installation of 17 trees with over 1,500 lights were all completed prior to the "Lighting of the Square" event on the day after Thanksgiving.

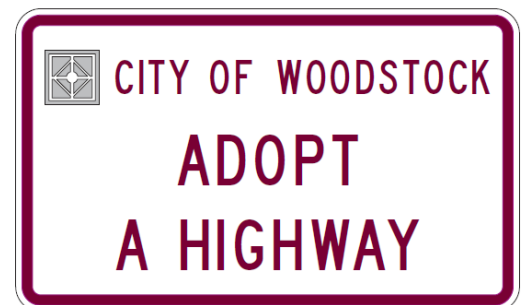
Staff collaborated with local Woodstock Garden Club member, Susan Gullotto, in the designing of the "winter greens" displays within the 15 downtown planters. The club set up a sample planter for staff to work from and followed up with some final touches. The planters are beautiful, and the Department of Public Works appreciates the assistance from Mrs. Gullotto and the Woodstock Garden Club.



City of Woodstock Thanks 2016 Adopt-A-Highway Groups

Each year the Department of Public Works provides support to organizations who have adopted over 8 centerline miles of very visible roadways under the **Adopt-A-Highway program**. The City extends grateful appreciation to the following groups for completing multiple clean up events of their adopted sections of roadway during 2016:

- Creekside Middle School Best Buddies Program
- Cub Scout Pack 350
- Marian Central Catholic High School Senior Class
- Pioneer Center
- Sarah McCullagh Memorial Fund
- STAR Touring & Riding, Woodstock Chapter 193
- The Claypool Family
- Walkington Brothers
- Woodstock Dolphins
- Woodstock High School Choral Program
- Woodstock High School Future Business Leaders of America
- Woodstock High School Key Club
- Woodstock Jaycees / Jay-teens
- Woodstock Moose Family Center



There are currently sections of roadway available for "adoption". For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works at pwdept@woodstockil.gov or (815) 338-6118.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

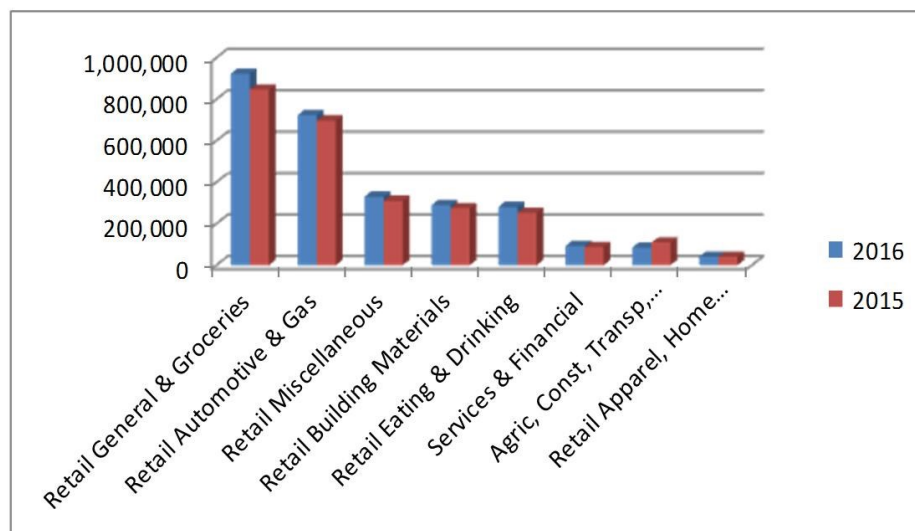
Page 14

By the Numbers: The 80/20 Rule

Have you ever heard of the 80/20 rule? It says that 80% of the productivity will come from 20% of the group. With our local sales tax, this trend is even more extreme. In the most recent filing period, we had 508 businesses that paid some sales tax to the City. The top 45 (or 9%) paid 80% of the total amount of \$1.46 million. The point where these match is 87/13. That means that 87% of our sales tax revenue comes from 13% (68) of the businesses, and the other 13% of sales tax comes from the other 87% (440) of businesses. Many of these are small home-based businesses that just don't pay much sales tax.

So how does all this break down, and are we growing? The graph below shows some of the major categories of retail sales. These numbers are from January-August of 2015 and 2016. The good news is that most categories are growing! The total grew 5.5%. Here's some of the larger contributors to each of these categories:

- **Retail General & Groceries**—Wal-Mart, Jewel, Farm & Fleet, Kohl's, Aldi, ShopFresh, Dollar General (27 total)
- **Retail Auto & Gas**—Bull Valley Ford, Harley Davidson, Reichert Chevrolet, Benoy Motors, Murphy Gas, BP, Shell (36 total)
- **Retail Miscellaneous**—Walgreens, Osco Drug, Armanetti's, Studio 2015, Thoughtfulness Shop (158 total)
- **Retail Building Materials**—Menards, Woodstock Lumber, Blue Ribbon Millwork, Ace Hardware (18 total)
- **Retail Eating & Drinking**—McDonald's, Niko's Red Mill, Panera, Culvers, Public House, Wendy's (68 total)
- **Services and Financial**—Bull Valley Golf Club, Woodstock Theatre, Woodstock Power Equipment, Woodstock Auto Body (102 total)
- **Agriculture, Construction, Transportation, Utilities, Manufacturing, Wholesale**—Bott's Welding, City Electric Supply, Jensen's Plumbing & Heating (76 total)
- **Retail Apparel, Home Furniture, Accessories**—Other World Computing, Century Supply, Donahue, Phoenix (23 total)



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Page 15

Remember to Support Local Businesses

Did you know that for every \$100 spent in locally owned independent stores, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll, and other expenditures? If you spend that in a national chain, only \$43 stays in the community. Spend it online and nothing comes home. (Source: *The 3/50 Project*) Remind your customers that spending locally supports their community and tell them how much you appreciate their business this holiday season and every day!



Woodstock
Route 47 Looking South.

New Businesses

Please welcome the following businesses as they open or relocate late 2016/early 2017:

[Precision Vision](#), 1725 Kilkenny Court, manufactures a full spectrum of eye charts and vision testing systems used by physicians, researchers and eye care professionals around the world.

[The Bike Haven](#), 132 Cass Street, has chosen Woodstock as home for a new location in addition to their original store in McHenry, offering sales, service and resources for competitive and recreational cyclists.

[VFW Post 5040](#), 201 Main Street, recently sold its building on Throop Street and is moving into the former Brickstone Restaurant location.



MCHENRY COUNTY

Page 16



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 28, 2016

2200 N Seminary Avenue
Woodstock IL 60098
815-334-4510 – Fax 815-334-4635

www.mcdh.info
www.twitter.com/mchenrycohealth
www.facebook.com

Contact Keri Zaleski
815-334-4456; cell 815-236-3238

Three low cost MCAC rabies vaccination and microchip events offered

Appointments needed for clinics scheduled in December and January

Crystal Lake IL. – Your pet has a better chance of being reunited with your family if it has a microchip for quick identification and a current rabies vaccination/registration record. McHenry County Animal Control & Adoption Center (MCAC) will host three low cost rabies vaccination and microchip clinics for McHenry County Residents in December 2016 and January 2017, at its Crystal Lake facility, 100 N Virginia Street (intersection of Woodstock Street and Route 14). All pets must be leashed or in carriers. Please do not bring animals that are in heat. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling MCAC at 815-459-6222. Clinics are scheduled for the following dates and times:

Wednesday, December 14th from 3:30PM-5:30PM

Thursday, December 15th from 1:00PM-4:00PM

Wednesday, January 25th 2017 3:00PM-5:00PM

Rabies vaccinations are \$10 for one year or \$25 for three years. Registration tags are required by law; registration fees are separate and required at time of rabies vaccination. Discounts for senior residents apply and for pets who have been previously spayed or neutered. Microchips are \$15.

There is no cure for rabies, and it is almost always fatal. Rabies vaccinations provide your pet with the best protection against this disease. Unlike dog tags and collars which can fall off or be removed, microchips are a more permanent form of pet identification. Animal microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and are typically implanted just beneath the surface of the skin between the shoulder blades. The process is similar to receiving vaccination through a needle.

Adoptions (\$80) will also be available. All adoptions include age-appropriate vaccinations, spay/neuter, FELV & FIV testing, microchip, heartworm and free 1st Veterinarian visit at participating veterinarians. To view available pets, visit <http://www.petfinder.com/>.

AROUND TOWN

Page 17

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

- **Open Mic**, Stage Left Café, 7 pm
- **Nutcracker**, Opera House, 7 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

- **Mercy Health Wellness Event**, Public Library, 9:30 pm - 12:30 pm
- **Muse Art**, Rec Center, 10:30 pm
- **Nutcracker**, Opera House, 2 & 7 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

- **Sing-a-long Messiah**, First Presbyterian Church, 10 am
- **JCI Woodstock Family Bowling Social**, Kingston Lanes, 1- 3 pm
- **Nutcracker**, Opera House, 2 & 6 pm
- **Guitars for Future Stars concert**, Public Library, 2 pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

- **Coffee with Chief**, Woodstock Police Department, 7 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- **Senior Coffee**, Stage Left Café, 1 pm
- **WHS vs WNHS Girls Basketball**, Woodstock High School, 5:45 & 7 pm
- **McHenry County Civil War Round Table**, Public Library, 7 pm



VS.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

- **Teen Study Night**, Public Library, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- **Trivia Night**, Main Street PourHouse, 7 pm

THURSDAY DECEMBER 15

- **Last Day to see Gingerbread Display**, Old Courthouse, 11 am - 5 pm
- **Lego Night**, Public Library, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- **WHS Holiday Concert with Creekside**, WHS, 7:30 pm
- **WNHS with Northwood Middle School—Yuletide on the Northside**, WNHS, 6:30 & 8 pm



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

- **Jazz Night**, Stage Left Café, 8 pm
- **Nutcracker**, Opera House, 8 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

- **Winter Farmer's Market**, Fairgrounds Pavilion D, 9 am - 1 pm
- **Bark for Books**, Public Library, 10 am
- **Nutcracker**, Opera House, 2 & 7 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

- **Nutcracker**, Opera House, 2 & 6 pm

Watch our Website and Facebook pages for current and updated information.

- www.woodstockil.gov
- [Woodstock Square Facebook](#)
- [Woodstock City Hall Facebook](#)
- [Real Woodstock](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Page 18



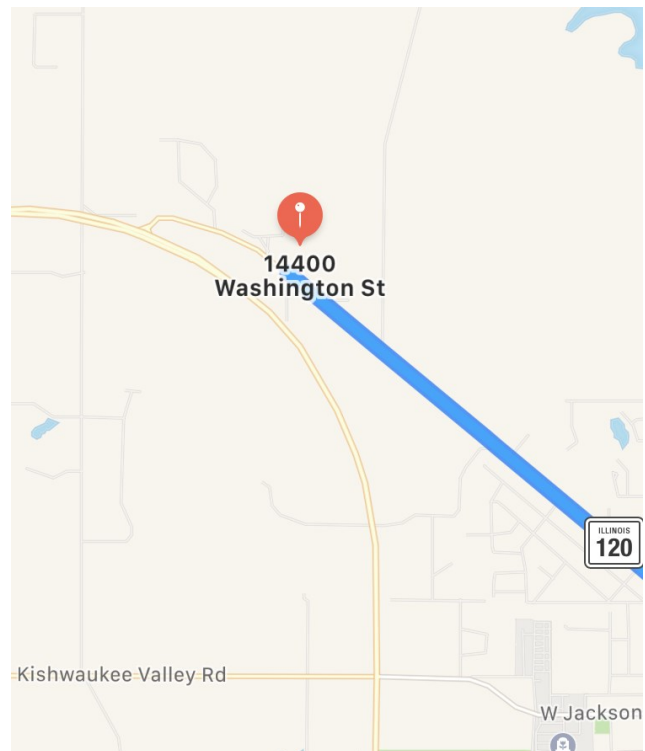
Come Support Christmas Clearing House

Toy Bagging - Wed, Dec 14th, 6pm-8pm
Food Packing - Wed, Dec 15th, 6pm-8pm
Delivery Day - Sat, Dec 17th, 8am-Noon

Our New Location

14400 Washing Street,
Woodstock, IL

(Americast Concrete
Building)



<http://www.woodstockcares.com/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Page 19

The Salvation Army has an
Urgent Need
for Bell Ringers at
Walmart in
Algonquin,
Huntley &
Woodstock.

If you have some TIME to GIVE they need to fill slots.

If available, please
call [815-455-2769](tel:815-455-2769)
to volunteer
or go to salarmycl.org.

GIVE THE GIFT
OF TIME

Become a Volunteer!



Gingerbread House

Page 20

First Annual Gingerbread House Display was opened and judged on November 25th at the Old Courthouse at 101 N. Johnson Street. Sponsored by Friends of the Old Courthouse, dozens of entries shared their work for the new contest. The display is open until December 16, 2016.

Our judges:

Nancy Baker, City Planner

Danielle Gulli, Executive Director of
Chamber of Commerce

Jim Prindiville, Commissioner of
Old Courthouse Advisory
Commission



Winner of Business

Category: Classic Cinema
Woodstock Theatre

Honorable Mention in Business
Category: Ethereal Confections



Winner of Civic/Group

Category: Woodstock Community
Choir

Honorable Mention in Civic/Group
Category: Rotary Club of Woodstock



Display Winners

Winner of Children's Category: Winter Wonderland

Honorable Mention in Children's
Category: Greeley's House



Winner of Family Category: Christmas 2016; the Edgell Family

Honorable Mention in Family Category: Besler's
Winter Wonderland; the Besler Family



Winner of People's Choice: Rockin' K Farm



CITY MOTTO:
“True to its past and confident of its future.”

City of Woodstock
 121 W. Calhoun St.
 Woodstock, IL 60098
 Phone (815) 338-4300
 Fax (815) 334-2269

Hours:

8:30 am - 5:00 pm
 M, W, Th, F
 8:30 am - 7:00 pm
 Tuesdays unless
 otherwise posted

Building & Zoning

815-338-4305

Economic

Development

815-338-3176

Finance & Billing

815-338-4300

Opera House

815-338-4212

Police Department

815-338-2131

Public Library

815-338-0542

Public Works

- Parks
- Streets
- Sewer
- Water

815-338-6118

Recreation

815-338-4363

Reminder Newsletter Publish Dates

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



**City Meetings
 Open to the Public**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
12/12/16	7:00 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals	City Hall Council Chambers
12/13/16	7:00 pm	Parks and Rec	City Hall
12/20/16	3:00 pm	City Council Workshop- Home Rule	Woodstock Opera House - Stage Left
12/20/16	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall